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WHEREAS; according to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, there are more than 355,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States, and the Wisconsin Nurses Coalition estimates that this number includes more than 4,000 in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; nurse practitioners serve as trusted healthcare providers for patients in Wisconsin and across the country, providing high-quality primary, acute, and specialty care services while focusing on health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and counseling; and

WHEREAS; nurse practitioners guide patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices every day and can help address institutionalized disparities in health outcomes and combat systemic racism in healthcare by providing care and expanding access to care in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS; as highly skilled practitioners with advanced education and clinical training, the confidence that patients have in the healthcare services that nurse practitioners deliver is evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually to nurse practitioners across the country, according to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners; and

WHEREAS; throughout the coronavirus pandemic, Wisconsin's nurse practitioners have gone above and beyond, working tirelessly to diagnose and treat patients, combat community spread, and ensure the equitable distribution of vaccines; and

WHEREAS; building a high-quality, affordable healthcare infrastructure that works for everyone remains a top priority for the state, and nurse practitioners play an essential role in actualizing this vision each and every day; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin recognizes and honors nurse practitioners statewide for the important work that they do to keep all Wisconsinites safe, healthy, and supported;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 13 – 19, 2022, as

## NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONERS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State